

placing a mark on the hardcopy, the mark containing identification information of the electronic document;

viewing the hardcopy by an image capture device to capture an image of the hardcopy document, wherein the image capture device is activated by waving a copy of the hardcopy document in front of the image capture device;

decoding the mark from the image captured by the image capture device to determine identification information of the electronic document; and

processing the electronic document according to the identification information.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of placing a mark is performed by a printer that prints a digital mark on the hardcopy document.

20. (Amended) A system for processing an electronic document corresponding to a hardcopy of the electronic document, the system comprising:

a data storage device that stores the electronic document;

a mark encoder that encodes a mark on the hardcopy;

an image capture device that captures an image of the hardcopy including the mark, wherein the image capture device is configured to be activated by waving the hardcopy in front of the image capture device;

a decoder, operatively connected to the image capture device, for decoding document identification information from the mark from the image captured by the image capture device; and

a processing unit, connected to the decoder and the data storage device, that processes the electronic document in accordance with the decoded document identification information.

Please add the following new claim:

(New) A method of processing an electronic document corresponding to a hardcopy of the document, comprising the steps of:

receiving a voice input indicative of an annotation or processing instruction for the document;

placing a mark on the hardcopy, the mark containing identification information of the electronic document and the annotation or processing instruction for the document received from the voice input;

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viewing the hardcopy by an image capture device to capture an image of the hardcopy document;

decoding the mark from the image captured by the image capture device to determine identification information of the electronic document; and

processing the electronic document according to the identification information and the annotation or processing instruction.

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